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Via electronic filing/e-mail

The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk and Executive Director
The Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

RE: Letter in Lieu of Comments
Docket 2021-349-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

As you know, I and my firm represent Google, LLC ("Google") in the subject docket. On January 24, 2022, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the "Duke Companies") filed their Notice of Withdrawal of their petition seeking a joint hearing. While the Duke Companies have filed their withdrawal, Google notes that at this time the Commission has not acted on the withdrawal to close or otherwise end the matter. But for the withdrawal filing of the Duke Companies, Google would have filed full and complete comments in this matter today, in accordance with the schedule previously ordered by the Commission.

The withdrawal filing appears to make substantive comments unnecessary at this time. Nonetheless, because the Commission has not yet closed the docket or otherwise signaled its approval of the withdrawal, Google, in an abundance of caution, files this letter expressly reserving any all rights to file comments or provide other evidence, including written and live testimony, should it become necessary in this or a later docket. Google further reserves any and all legal positions, rights, and arguments presented or that it might have presented in this matter.

Thank you for your consideration and do not hesitate to contact me for any reason.

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Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Weston Adams, III". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "W" and "A".

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cc: All counsel of record- *Via electronic service*